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If you owe the LEDGER anything on subscription, pay up at once. We are making out our books for 1887 and want you to start in with us on the new book.

Don't do as Dan K. Shields does. Do as he says.

A Democrat in New York is worth two Mugwumps in Massachusetts.

Italy is trying to borrow 3,500,000 lire. Mexico might furnish a few of them.

This is the time of year when \$5.00 a week clerks pay at the rate of \$25 per day for sleighing.

The city should collect the \$20 license of the insurance companies if the law will permit it, and we think it will.

Send the LEDGER suggestions as to how the ladies can best replenish the fund for the poor. Winter is here and they are bustled.

The recent cold wave which passed over Mr. Blaine when he met Senator Edmunds was the cutting affair of excellence of the year.

There are a good many people in Mexico who agree on what Mexico needs, but won't help secure it. They are "inocuous desuetude."

At every fire in Mexico the Water-works and Fire Company save hundreds and hundreds of dollars to the insurance companies. Should not they help pay for the maintenance of the same?

It is with "odious agility" that we hasten to state that the present Councilmen will, of course, refuse to draw their salary when they pass the ordinance doing away with salary of the next Council.

Mexico will have to be made a city of the third class before anything in the way of light or any other substantial improvement can be attained. We can't make improvements until a way to pay for the same is provided.

The scheme of the Chicago Anarchists to blow up the water-works of that city is not surprising. If there is anything an Anarchist despises it is water. You never heard of an Anarchist plot to blow up a brewery.

The rehabilitation of the Navy has begun in earnest. Secretary Whitney presented every employee of the Navy Department with a turkey Thanksgiving day.

A NADWATER saloon keeper has just bought a church. His application for license was objected to on the ground that his saloon would be too near the church. He did away with that objection by purchasing the church.

There were not enough members of the Board of Trade present at the meeting last night to elect officers. A meeting is called again for Thursday night and at that time every member of the Board should be present. The Board will either disorganize or go to work in earnest.

A COMMUNICATION from Rev. T. Gallaher, of Fulton, was published in the LEDGER Tuesday, which would have gone into the waste-basket if the editor had been aware of its receipt at the office. The LEDGER knows nothing about the matter referred to, and as it is none of our business, we care less.

IT HAS BEEN thought for some time that there were more politics to the square inch in Pike county, Mo., than anywhere else on the continent. Dakota, however, has certain localities which carry off the palm in the line of condensed politics. In Logan county, twenty-six votes were cast. There were thirty-one candidates in the field.

WE PRESUME the local agents of insurance companies will have more or less to do with the action of their companies in regard to paying a license for doing business in Mexico. There are men in Mexico who have paid thousands of dollars to insurance companies, which now refuse to pay a cent towards Mexico's improvements, said improvements benefitting the insurance companies more than it does the entire city of Mexico.

TO JUDGE Robinson completes his labors as Judge of this district, and returns to private life. He has formed a partnership with John Ferrell, ex-Circuit Clerk, of Pike County, for the practice of law. Judge Robinson has made a most excellent record as a judge; in fact, we know of no Circuit Judge in the State that can show any cleaner or better record than Judge E. Robinson. Whatever he undertakes he does well. The firm of Robinson & Ferrell will make one of the strongest law firms in the state. The attorneys and the public of this district owe much to Judge Robinson for the prompt, unprejudiced and business-like way in which he has dispatched business.

Encroaching on the Grave. Bob Johnson says that "no man has a right to own more land than he can use." At this rate even our cemetery lots are in danger.

WHAT MEXICO NEEDS.

Opinions by Some of the Leading Business Men of Mexico.

Regarding the Needs of Mexico, Socially, Morally, Commercially, &c. Broad Views on Different Subjects.

To the Editor of the Ledger.

MEXICO, Mo., Dec. 1.—Regarding Mexico's prosperity, our wants may be many; but cannot we find causes for the present condition of our city rather in ourselves than by continuing to believe in a change for the better only to occur through visionary desires for outside aid?

Fancy the effect if the citizens of Mexico were, one and all, to indicate a desire of patronage only for Mexico productions where it was possible to obtain them. The history of every attempted change of raw material into the product of commerce has, in this city, been a record of want of home patronage. The complaints have been too unanimous to be entirely unjust. To-day we hear the boast that, by purchasing a large lot of a certain manufactured article, it is to be sold at very low figures and every one seems pleased that several hundred wagons are being sold in Mexico at attractive prices. Had an order for four hundred wagons been received by our Mexico workmen they could have been produced at equally low prices, while the cost of manufacturing would have been distributed among us.

True, our cigar manufactory has an encouraging trade at home, but other industries have the opposite experience. The woolen mill and also the broom factory trade was better abroad. Mexico packing house cured meats were necessarily shipped on the St. Louis market on account of our home dealers shipping in the product of other packing houses. Are our printing offices, tailors, boot and shoe manufacturers, &c., as well patronized as they should be? An honest desire on the part of the retailer dealers to sell on close margin would always be met by concessions from the manufacturers in our midst. Yet the dealers are but partially to blame. If the masses but indicated a preference for home productions their wishes would receive speedy attention from those interested in serving them. Complaints are made that too many of our residents only look forward to realizing ten per cent. interest on approved security. Well, is it not a good thing to have among us those who have money to loan? Why do not the discontented borrow some of this money and make it more active through the manufactures we very far, then cheerfully pay their neighbors the ten per cent. due them and pocket the surplus with the additional satisfaction of helping our city along on the road to prosperity? Mexico should issue sufficient bond at low rates of interest to buy out the Water-works Company. Then run the water-works for all they are worth; make it a source of revenue, instead of a drain of thirty-six hundred dollars per year. We will then be in condition to offer cheap water as an inducement to the so much desired C. & A. machine shops, or to any manufacturing company that can be persuaded to come among us. Let us patronize our present electric light system. The city has it in power to assist an enterprise of one of its citizens and at the same time reap full benefit from its patronage. With an earnest effort to work out our future on the plans I have suggested, many of your predictions of "ten years hence" will be in half the time verified.

In response to an inquiry of him by a reporter of the Ledger, concerning his views of what will add to Mexico's growth, Mr. J. J. Gill said he always had a good opinion of Mexico. He might have found fault with something connected with it, but had not lost faith in it. It seemed to him that when everything is taken into consideration, its commerce, its industries, and its morals, it must be classified as one of the most, if not the most, of the most prosperous little city in North Missouri. It was certainly a pleasant place for residence. It has encountered great obstacles, and yet had made commendable progress and attained great stability. Business was not more depressed here than elsewhere. Among the things that contribute to the growth of cities are locality, opportunity and energy. What Mexico has most lacked has been opportunity. In the development of Audrain county since it was a village, Mexico has been subjected to division and loss of territory by the inexorable and unavoidable necessity of having several railroads with depots in close proximity. To-day Audrain county, in connection with neighboring towns, has a city population of near ten thousand. In a few decades it will support a similar population of 50,000, without probable concentration in any of its towns except Mexico, unless some other one of them holds out very superior attractions. Some of Mexico's lost trade can doubtless be regained by mercantile activity and energetic use of capital, but our citizens should aim at permanent prosperity, of a sort that will not be a constant conflict with natural trade laws, or be dependent upon the whims or adverse interests of railroad management. A return of the division would help somewhat, but with or without it, Mexico's railroads must be made to contribute to its growth. Hitherto they have been causes of divisions and weakness. In the future they must be converted into sources of strength. There is a tendency on the part of heavy manufacturers to abandon large cities, that might be made to advance Mexico and utilize her railroads. At our commercial centers, rents and provisions are too

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

From the National Capital—Thanks giving—Other Matters of Interest.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 26.—The holiday of Thanksgiving was observed throughout this city yesterday although there was no public demonstration. It was characterized, as usual, by the quiet family gatherings and services were held in the various churches where congregations listened to sermons of a patriotic kind. All of the Departments were closed, as they were also on Monday, the day of Arthur's funeral, making two days of this week that the Government employes have enjoyed a holiday.

But Secretary Manning shut down on the Treasury clerks the day before Thanksgiving and changed a time-honored custom. Heretofore the Treasury Department has been closed at noon on the day before Thanksgiving ostensibly for purpose of giving the clerks a chance to buy their turkeys. This was merely an excuse for an extra half holiday, and as there is a great deal of work on hand that must be done before Congress meets, the Secretary decided that two days in one week was as much as his department could stand, and he ordered that it should not be closed until the usual hour.

All through you continue to hear all manner of dire things predicted concerning Secretary Manning's physical condition, he has dictated his forthcoming annual report with a freedom that has kept his stenographer and two typewriters busy and it is said the portions of the document already finished lack none of the force and vigor which characterized his initial report last year. The most important announcement yet in connection with the report, is that the Secretary takes even stronger ground on the subject of tariff reform than he did a year ago.

In the report of Postmaster General Vilas which was made public several days ago, it is shown that the United States leads all the world in its mail facilities, and in the number of letters sent. The letters mailed in this country during the year were more than were mailed in France, Germany and Austria combined. The number of post-offices in this country now is 53,614. The report also shows a great deal in the line of reform. Owing to the reduction of the rate of postage on second class matter and the enlargement of the unit of weight for first class matter, they exceed its revenue for the fiscal year of 1886 at least \$9,000,000. A decrease of expenditures, however, has made the actual deficit about \$3,000,000 less than that, and the deficit for the current year will be still less.

Figures show that the net increase of revenue in this Department was 3.2 per cent., and that the volume of business by which it was gained, increased over 7 per cent. That is another proof which commercial and other statistics establish, that there has been a steady return of business prosperity during the past year and a half. That is the way in which the country goes to ruin under Democratic rule, which must be very depressing to the Republican prophets of evil.

Secretary Whitney was very generous with Thanksgiving turkeys. He made arrangements to give each officer and employee of the Navy Department, a fowl of such weight as each preferred, and three hundred of the clerks availed themselves of the courtesy. On a similar occasion last year the Secretary dispensed about the same number of turkeys to Navy Department employes. Nor was Mrs. Whitney behind the Secretary in the donation of good cheer. She sent word to the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor and to the Colored Woman's home that she would like to provide Thanksgiving dinners for those institutions. A list of articles wanted were sent and the order was promptly honored by Mrs. Whitney who made some suitable additions to the bill of fare for the old ladies and old men of the Home.

Up at the Capitol they have already gotten down to work. There have been preliminary meetings of certain committees—or rather of quorums of certain committees, and the preparation of bills has begun so that the necessary business may be reached with as little delay as possible after the assembling of Congress. As usual it is predicted that very little beyond the money bills which are necessary for the expenses of the Government will receive much attention this winter. Many earnest, conscientious legislators intend to do more if possible, but up to the present time Congress had found itself too lazy in the long sessions and too busy in the short, to accomplish anything. Patents granted to citizens of Missouri during the past week, and reported expressly for the LEDGER by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent lawyers, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.:

G. C. Hyle, Kansas City, water tower.
T. W. Hughes, Butler, ladder.
J. W. Levy, Clinton, fly trap.
J. R. McCarty, Kansas City, velocimeter.
G. Schubert, St. Louis, hinge.
S. S. Turner, Columbia, sickle.
F. Stearns, Creighton, revolving slacker.
S. H. Terry, Fulton, grip for cable roads.
H. Winter, Hermann, invalid bedstead.

Wanted. Smokers who are using my "Signature" to always look on the box and see if my signature is on it. A cheaper cigar is being put into Mexico which imitates my goods, but is not the same by any means. See that my name is on every box before you buy.
URBAN WEINER.

Please Call. The lady who sent us the following to-day will please call and get a dollar:
"In anger flew her agile jaws
And sweet words darted from her tongue;
The maid was fighting and because
She couldn't make her tongue stay bang!"
The Very Latest. The latest rebel outrage was the dedication of a new church in Kentucky on ground given by Jefferson Davis. Call out the militia.
Everybody Must Settle. All persons knowing themselves indebted to J. B. Miller are requested to call and settle between now and January 1st, and save costs of collection. You will oblige me by attending to this matter as soon as possible.
J. B. MILLER.
dl-wt.

If you want a fine cutter or bobbed runners, go to Ferris & Son's.

The Appetite

May be increased, the Digestive organs strengthened, and the bowels regulated, by taking Ayer's Pills. These Pills are purely vegetable in their composition. They contain neither calomel nor any other dangerous drug, and may be taken with perfect safety by persons of all ages.

I was a great sufferer from Dyspepsia and Constipation. I had no appetite, became greatly debilitated, and was constantly afflicted with Headache and Bile. I consulted our family doctor, who prescribed for me, at various times, with temporary relief. I finally commenced taking Ayer's Pills. In a short time my digestion and appetite

IMPROVED my bowels were regulated, and, by the time I finished two boxes of these Pills my tendency to headache had disappeared, and I became stout and well.—Darius M. Logan, Wilmington, Del.

I was troubled, for over a year, with Loss of Appetite, and General Debility. I commenced taking Ayer's Pills, and, before finishing half a box of this medicine, my appetite and strength were restored.—C. O. Clark, Danbury, Conn.

Ayer's Pills are the best medicine known for regulating the bowels, and for all diseases caused by a disordered Stomach and Liver. I suffered for over three years from Indigestion, Headache, and Constipation. I had no appetite, and was weak and nervous most of the time.

BY USING three boxes of Ayer's Pills, and, at the same time, using my medicine, I was completely cured. My digestive organs were regulated, and I was in perfect health.—Philip Lockwood, Topeka, Kan.

Ayer's Pills have benefited me wonderfully. I suffered from Indigestion and Headache, and was restless at night, and had a bad taste in my mouth every morning. After taking one box of Ayer's Pills, all these troubles disappeared, my food digested well, and my sleep was refreshing.—Henry C. Hemenway, Rockport, Mass.

I was cured of the Piles by the use of Ayer's Pills. They not only relieved me of that painful disorder, but gave me increased vigor and restored my health.—John Lazarus, St. John, N. B.

Ayer's Pills.

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

RUSH HILL RACKET.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

RUSH HILL, Nov. 29.—The Misses Jennie and Katie Ferris, Miss Wright and Miss Dunbar, all of Mexico, attended a Thanksgiving dinner at Dr. Dunbar's, and, in honor of their guests, a social party was given, which was enjoyed by all.

The Misses Clark gave the pupils of their school a pleasant party at their home Wednesday evening. An old-fashioned dance pulling was indulged in, and enjoyed by all. There were six to the twenty-five-year-old pupils.

Rev. Johnston, pastor of the Baptist church here, preached Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock. There were five additions to the church. Reverend Nichols, pastor of M. E. Church, preached at night to a crowded house. B. T. Rodman was the auctioneer at Barchard's sale Saturday. Ben says he doesn't have to take anything along now to clear his throat.

Miss Anna Russell Underwood made the highest grade among the young ladies of Clark Street Seminary last month and U. S. G. Skelly among the young gentlemen.

There is being fed in this vicinity a large quantity of stock. Stone & Roberts have forty head of mules, T. G. Carter, 28, S. Kendall, 40, Greer & Woolwine, 100. Hill's wide-awake stock dealers, are feeding 150 horses and mules, about half of which are ready to ship; E. Hughes is feeding at his stock farm, six miles north of town, 200 head of steers; Morris & German 40 head; Dry & Boyd, five miles south of town, have 150 head of the finest steers we have looked at for many a day. Joe Able has bought 6,000 bushels of corn and will soon commence feeding a fine lot of steers. Joe always handles good stock and gets to the front when he goes to sell. E. Hughes keeps two teams constantly on the road hauling corn from here to his farm. He has taken out ten thousand bushels, just one-third the amount contracted for at this place.

MARTINSBURG MUSINGS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

MARTINSBURG, November 29.—G. C. Copeland and wife of Mexico, are spending a few days with relatives here. Leb Criegler spent Saturday and Sunday with his family.

Jim Torreyson went to Mexico Saturday. Has anybody found out what for? C. H. Green is at home again. Miss Maggie Torreyson spent Sunday at home.

Col. Joseph Copeland is quite ill. J. P. Stephenson will move to Wellsville in a few days.

Daily & Son, of Montgomery City, were in town on Wednesday to buy grain, but the prices offered were not sufficient to induce owners to sell their animals.

Mr. Goat, of Abilene, Texas, is here with twenty head of Texas horses. The grain market here is dull. Farmers are holding their corn for better prices. Douglas & Co. say they can't get enough grain to fill orders from a distance.

The net proceeds from the supper and dinner given by the ladies of the Christian church on Thanksgiving day are \$50.

For the social event of the season was the ball in Smith's Hall Friday night. Quite a large company were present and all report a most enjoyable time. Much credit is due to the young men who had the management of it.

HAPPY HOLLOW ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

HAPPY HOLLOW, Nov. 29.—Farmers busy killing hogs.

The social event of the season will be the ball given by Mr. and Mrs. Wood Matthews.

The merry little of sleigh bells are heard throughout the "Hollow." "Hickory Grove" now seems to be the favorite residence for a number of our young men. Take another vote.

Pete Matthews is confined to his room with "Indian" fever.

Earl Morris, of Thompson, was present at the spelling bee Friday night and was well pleased with the exercises.

A wedding will take place in this neighborhood soon that will surprise and open the eyes of all. The high contracting parties are Mr. —, a handsome young farmer, and Miss —, one of our leading society belles.

We would suggest that a paper be edited and read before the Society every Friday night. Among those who could edit a paper and make it boom are the Misses Ware, the Misses Jesse, the Misses Davis, Misses Alma Howe, Kittie Fletcher, Florence McCarty, Lizzie Sallee, Emma Vanderford. Let's have a paper and call it the "Husker."

A large crowd of fair ladies and "brave" boys were present at Jesse School House Friday night, and most all took part in the spelling bee.

MISS LADDONIA LACONICS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

LADDONIA, Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving was generally observed throughout the town in the way of big dinners and at night Rev. Nichols preached an excellent sermon at the Baptist church. We attended the service, with a few friends, of partaking of a choice dinner at J. W. Reid's. Mrs. Reid can't be beat preparing fine eatables. There was a ball at Brown's hall, and a supper at the Buckeye House, which was partaken of by about eighty people.

Prof. Hollopeter was here last week and made an effort to organize a singing class, but at that time there were so many meetings of various kinds many of the "sweet singers" didn't attend.

Miss Nola Pearson came home from Hardin College on Thanksgiving, accompanied by Misses McCann and Pettie.

On Friday night there was an enjoyable party at Rev. W. Pearson's. A fine supper was served about 10 o'clock, and several of the parties did ample justice to it.

The crop of weddings is something like the corn crop—not so good as was expected last summer. The dry weather, perhaps, had something to do with it; though what few weddings there will be, will be of a better quality and cost more than usual. Squire Gilliland has agreed his price for a marriage ceremony from one to two bushels of potatoes.

A gentleman in Vandalla will soon claim a bride in Laddonia, thus making a union of the two best little towns on the C. & A. road.

Miss Sallie Mitchell, who has been visiting in town for some time, returned to her home in Clarksville to-day.

Geo. Barr, of Kansas City, is visiting his brother, Frank. ANNIE LAURIE.

PROGRESS ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

PROGRESS, November 29.—A large crowd attended Bear Creek church last Sunday and heard the Rev. Haesael, of Vandalla, present the subject, "Infant Baptism." In all the strength and beauty it had. We will risk the remark anyhow, that no infants were presented that night.

Debate was a success. Stock law done away with. Paper not subject, being Democratic. Next subject,Resolved, "That Bob Ford ought to be hung for shooting Jesse James." Quite a large representation from Fish Branch were present. Hope they will honor us again soon.

Mr. B. Kunkel lost a \$125 horse last night; Frank Maydole one Monday and Mr. Iron lost two Saturday. Others are still sick.

Chestnut bells predominated at the debating society.

"Pedro" made a flying trip to the little city of churches, Martinsburg, last Saturday. The little town is on the boom and business is inscribed on every door.

Mr. Jim Ford and Miss Nannie Johnson will edit the next issue of the "Long Left Want."

Mr. G. B. Williamson is doing a fine business in his new department. Mr. Seif Eubanks is erecting a good barn.

A Great Newspaper.

The Mexico LEDGER is a great newspaper. There is no rubbing that out. On Thanksgiving day it issued two editions. It always gets there when it comes to giving the news.

New invoice of Favorite soap at Pens's. Full pound bars 5 cents.

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Paints, Oils, Window Glass,

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CIGARS, PIPES, CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO. GOOD LAMP

CHIMNEYS, LANTERNS, &c.

Wanted.

Smokers who are using my "Signature" to always look on the box and see if my signature is on it.

A cheaper cigar is being put into Mexico which imitates my goods, but is not the same by any means.

See that my name is on every box before you buy.

URBAN WEINER.

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THE Leading House of the City!

WE CARRY

The Largest Stock,

The Best Stock,

The Cheapest Stock!

Ever Shown in Mexico.

We Always Look to Our Customers' Interest!

FOR DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, FINE

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MISS'ES CLOAKS, BOOTS & SHOES,

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For 60 Days!

We will offer some of the

Greatest Bargains!

OF THE AGE

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Deep Cut House!

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Jno. M. Daniel & Son,

Thompson Station, Mo.,

Having secured the immense stock of Staple Merchandise of the late M. B. McDonald at "cut cash rates" propose to give the public the benefit of their great bargain.

For the Next 100 Days!

WE WILL OFFER OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

Fine Clothing, Boots and Shoes,

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At 25 per Cent. Less than Cost,

For Cash!

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We would also remind the public that we carry as full a line of nice, fresh, clean

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As can be found in the West, and positively will not be undersold. We will sell you 14 lbs. of Standard Granulated Sugar for \$1; 6 lbs. of Arbuckle's Coffee for 90 cents; Gunpowder Tea at 20 cents to 80 cents per pound; and everything else in proportion.

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We solicit a share of your patronage. Give us a trial; we will treat you square. All kinds of country produce wanted.

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JNO. M. DANIEL & SON,

THOMPSON, - - MISSOURI.

Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
COUNTY OF AUDRAIN, } ss.

In the Probate Court for the county of Audrain, September term 1886.

W. B. McIntire, administrator of Janet Taylor, deceased.

This day W. B. McIntire, deceased, presents to the court his petition, praying for an order for the sale of so much of the real estate of said deceased as will pay and satisfy the remaining debt, due by said estate, and yet unpaid for want of sufficient assets, accompanied by the account, list and inventory required by law in such case; on examination whereof it is ordered, that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this court, to be held on the second Monday in January 1887, an order will be made for the sale of the whole, or so much of the real estate of said deceased as will be sufficient for the payment of said debts; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order of publication be published in some newspaper in this state, for four weeks before the next term of this court.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
COUNTY OF AUDRAIN, } ss.

I, S. M. Edmunds, judge of the Probate Court, held in and for said county, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Order of publication therein referred to, as the same appears of record in my office.

Witness my hand and seal of said County of Audrain, this 10th day of November, A. D., 1886.